

BOOK NOTICES

Two Books on *Agapanthus* from Timber Press

WIM SNOEIJER. 2004. ***Agapanthus: A Revision of the Genus***. (0-88192-631-0, hbk.). Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$39.95, 372 pp., 101 color photos, 9 color illus., 7 tables, 6 drawings, 6" 9".

Agapanthus is a genus from southern Africa with about 10 species, but there are hundreds of cultivars. The author has invested eight years of research and scholarship in preparing the "definitive" work on *Agapanthus* in cultivation. The author breaks down his research into six chapters: **1)** Introduction, **2)** Genome Size; **3)** Taxonomy and Nomenclature; **4)** Classification of the Cultivars; **5)** Descriptions of the Genus, Species, and Cultivars; and **6)** Cultivation. An appendix on Breeders/Introducers and Their Cultivars is followed by References and an Index.

HANNEKE VAN DIJK. 2004 ***Agapanthus for Gardeners***. (0-88192-656-6, hbk.). Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$24.95, 96 pp., 147 color photos, 1 color map, 2 line drawings, 4 color illus., 8 1/2" x 8 1/2".

Publisher Comments: "*Agapanthus for Gardeners* is an informative and practical guide to growing this popular perennial. It includes descriptions of all species and subspecies, along with a selection of 80 cultivars that have proven themselves in the garden and in containers; information on choosing and buying plants, cultivation requirements, propagation, and pests and diseases; and a discussion of *Agapanthus* as a cut flower."

"Illustrated with over 75 photographs, this is a useful companion to Wim Snoeijer's more scholarly and exhaustive *Agapanthus: A Revision of the Genus*, also published by Timber Press."

This small colorful book is truly a little jewel on "The Flower of Love." It covers everything from history to propagating to all the cultivars from A to Z.